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Jerusalem



ANNOUNCEMENT

American Consulate General in Jerusalem Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Local Grants Informational Sessions

The U.S. Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) mission is to create *vibrant partnerships* between America and the citizens of the Middle East and North Africa. MEPI supports citizens' efforts aimed at economic, social, and political empowerment; expanding opportunities for women and youth, and helping communities create positive change throughout the region.

MEPI directly funds local organizations across the West Bank and Gaza at the community level. MEPI local grants promote greater freedom and opportunity for people in the region. Through supporting local partners to implement innovative projects, MEPI provides an opportunity for Palestinian civil society to identify and solve challenges at the local level. Since 2004, MEPI Jerusalem has funded over fifty local partners to implement grants totaling over 3 million USD.

MEPI invites you to attend an informational session on the 2013/14 MEPI local grants cycle. NGOs based in Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza are welcome to attend any of the sessions detailed below. Each informational session will include an overview of the American Consulate in Jerusalem's efforts in the West Bank and Gaza, an explanation of the priorities and objectives of MEPI local grants, and a review of the grant application process. MEPI staff from the American Consulate General in Jerusalem will conduct the sessions and will be available to answer questions.

MEPI will be accepting applications October 1st – November 30th, 2013. Local civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities, professional organizations, youth groups, and women's groups, are welcome to apply. Applications will be evaluated through a competitive process. Local grants typically have budgets ranging from \$25,000 – \$75,000 USD, with a maximum of \$100,000, and are up to one year in duration.

More information can be found at http://jerusalem.usconsulate.gov/mepi_local_grants.html

MEPI Jerusalem will be holding six informational sessions at the following locations and dates:

Jericho: <u>Date:</u> Tuesday, September 24 th , 2013 <u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>Location:</u> American Corner, Jericho Public Municipality Library <u>Tel:</u> 02-232-1560	Hebron: <u>Date:</u> Wednesday, September 25 th , 2013 <u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>Location:</u> Children's Happiness Center, Ein Sarah <u>Tel:</u> 0599-759-494
Nablus: <u>Date:</u> October 1, 2013 <u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>Location:</u> Future Generation Hands Association, Jawwal Building (4 th floor), Rafidia <u>Tel:</u> 09-2337901	Jerusalem: <u>Date:</u> Wednesday, October 2, 2013 <u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>Location:</u> America House, Nablus Road <u>Tel:</u> 02-563-4029
Ramallah: <u>Date:</u> Thursday October 3, 2013 <u>Time:</u> 11:00 a.m. <u>Location:</u> PD Office, Ramallah Jamil Center – 2 nd Floor <u>Tel:</u> 02-2404556	Gaza via Digital Video Conference: <u>Date:</u> Wednesday, October 2, 2013 <u>Time:</u> 2:00 p.m. <u>Contact:</u> Issam Mattar <u>Tel:</u> 02-622-7101

In order to attend a session you must RSVP via email by COB September 22, 2013 to:
MEPIjerusalem@state.gov.

For more information, please contact the MEPI Jerusalem Office at 02-622-7101.

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